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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please do not approve USTelecoms petition to unregulate access to wholesale telephone lines of large providers by small competitors. Small, local competitors are essential for providing internet and phone service at competitive prices which force large providers to price competitively and have decent customer service.

I switched from AT&T to local provider Coastside.net after being frustrated with the quality of internet and customer service of AT&T. Having small, high-quality, local provider provides customers with options that keep larger providers from taking over the complete market and enforcing price hikes.

Please enable small providers to offer affordable quality service, which keeps the internet service provider market competitive. Say no to USTelecoms petition to unregulate wholesale access to telephone lines by small providers.

Thank you.

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